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November 14, 1991

Mr. Daniel J. Peters - Plant Superintendent  
Ash Grove Cement West, Inc.  
3801 East Marginal Way, South  
Seattle, Wa. 98008-5442

Re: Settling pond closure

Dear Mr. Peters:

We discussed testing of sediment from Ash Grove Cement's settling pond yesterday on the phone.

Sediment samples must be submitted to a laboratory accredited by the State of Washington for analysis. I can tell you if a particular lab is accredited. The laboratory should provide sample containers and specify amounts required for the analysis. Obtain sediment grab samples from two different locations in the settling pond.

As a minimum, the lab should analyze for the total recoverable concentrations of arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc for both samples.

Dan Cargill (Ecology NWRO Toxics Cleanup) recommended that I ask you to perform these tests. He said that establishing that the sediments in the pond are not contaminated will answer any future questions regarding the closure of a waste disposal site - Ash Grove Cement's settling pond. Future tests of the pond sediment would require soil borings and other costly methods.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions for Dan Cargill, his phone number is 649-7023. My phone number is 649-7215. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Shervey*  
Gerald Shervey  
Water Quality Engineer  
NWRO Industrial Section

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cc: Dan Cargill - Toxics Cleanup  
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NWRO central files - Ash Grove Cement West, SWDP 5162

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